

# Predictive thermal control applied to HabEx

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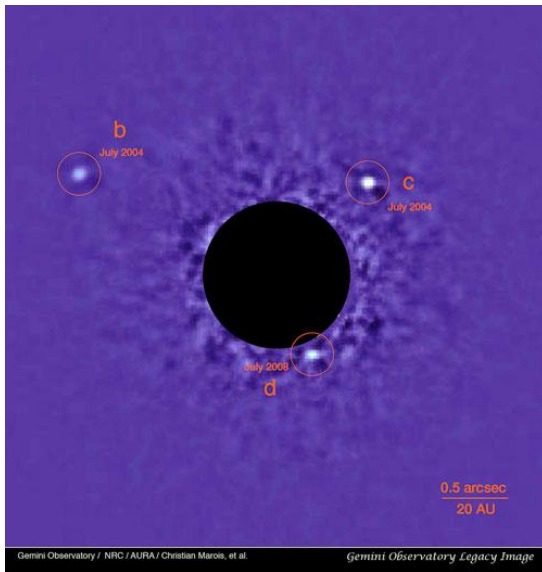
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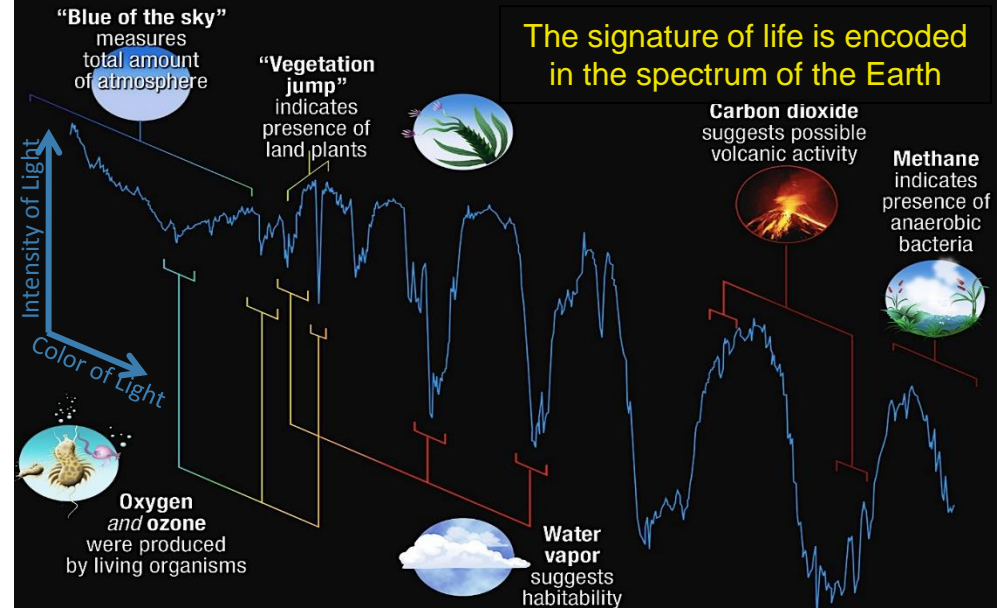
# HabEx Brief Background



## Science Objectives

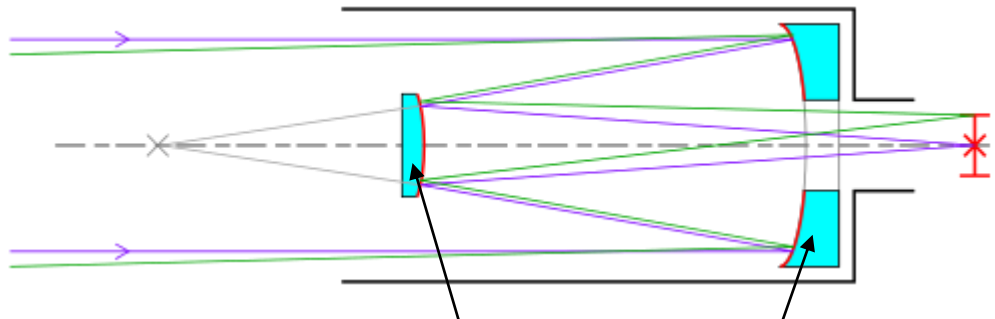


Example of exoplanets imaged with a ground based system.<sup>[1]</sup>



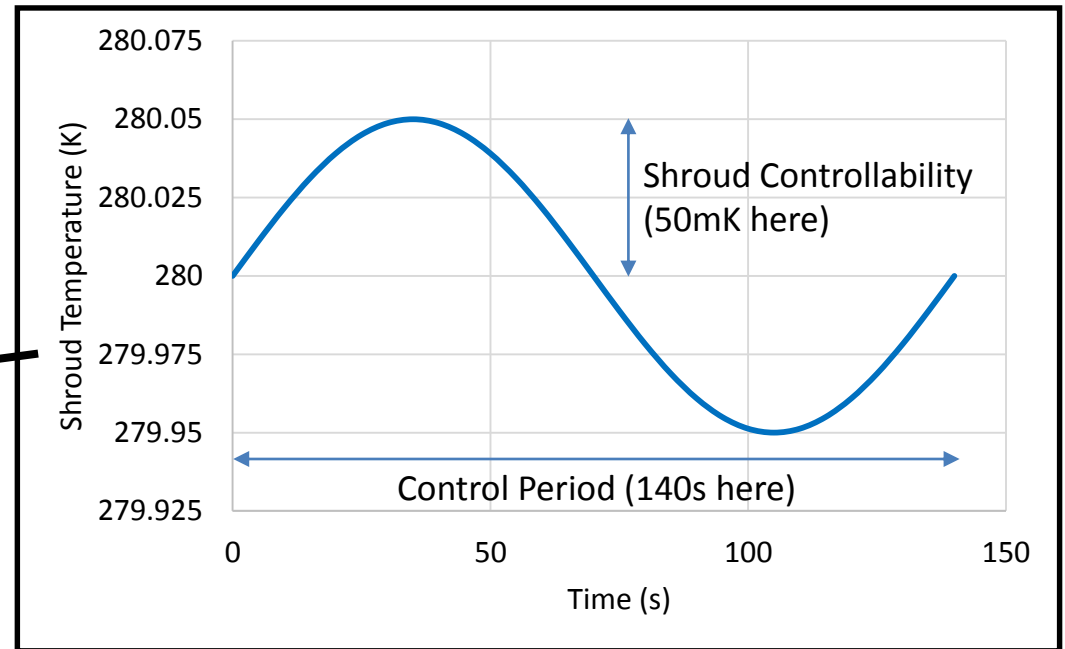
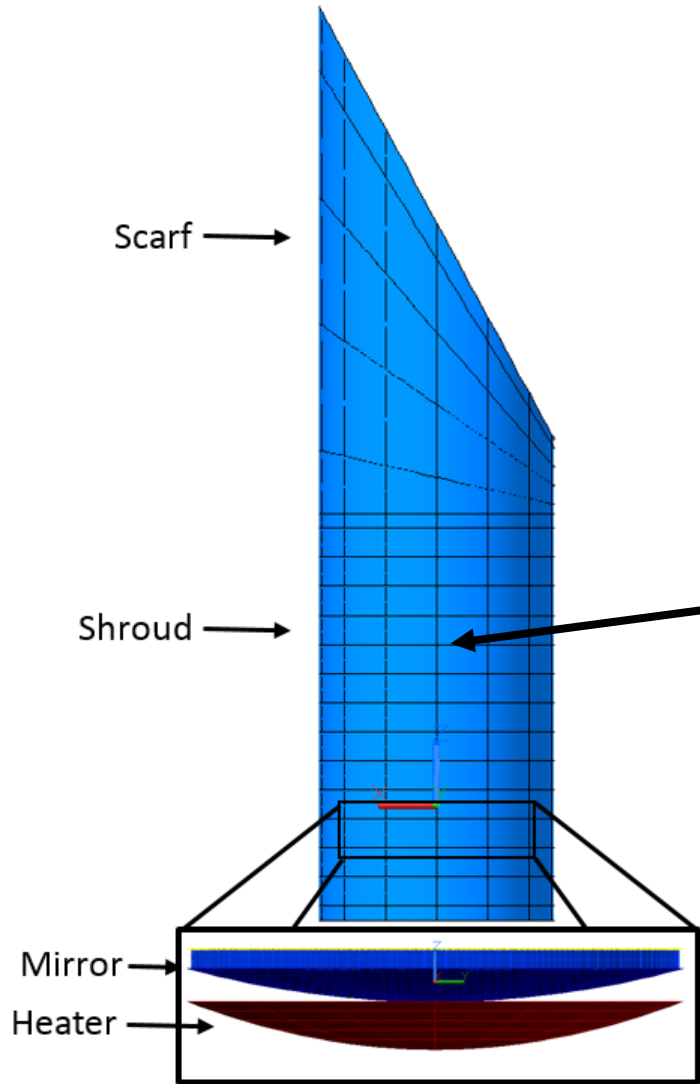
Biosignatures.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Engineering Requirements



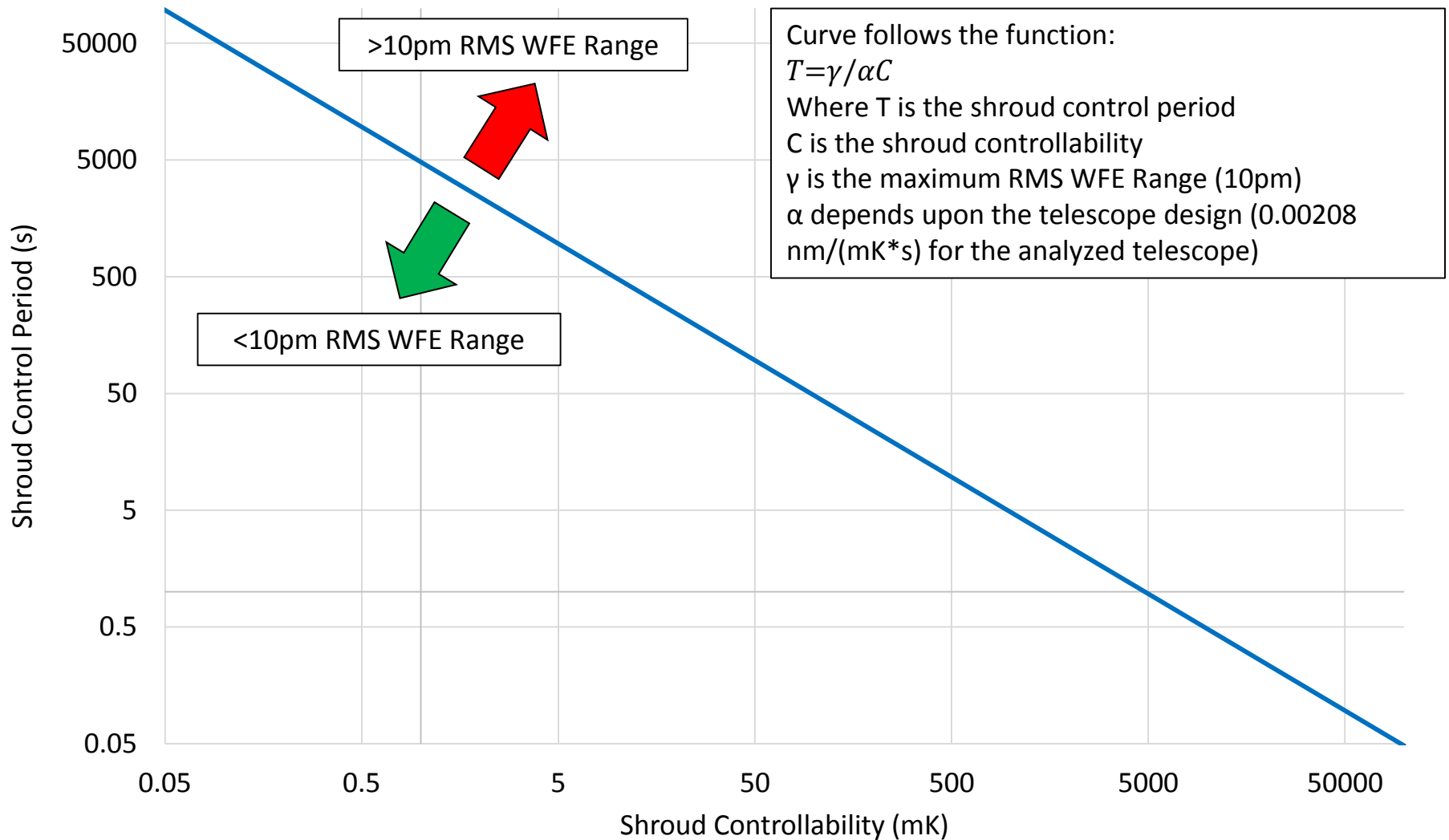
SFE may not change by more than 10pm in 10 minutes  
Position may not move by more than ~2nm per 10 minutes

# Thermal Analysis Approach





# Thermal Stability Requirement



# 1-D Rod Closed-Form Model



Rod with a mass, specific heat, thermal energy, temperature and coefficient of thermal expansion of  $m$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $Q$ ,  $T$ , and CTE respectfully

Length of rod,  $L$

- Equation 1 describes heat storage in the rod
- Equation 3 describes linear thermal expansion
- Algebra and calculus then Equation 5
- Equation 5 shows variables that affect thermal strain rate
  - Geometry dependent:  $L$ ,  $V$ ,  $dQ/dt$  (surface area)
  - Material dependent: CTE,  $\rho$ ,  $c_p$ , and  $dQ/dt$  (emissivity and absorptivity)

$$Q = \rho V c_p T \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \rho V c_p \frac{dT}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

$$(\text{CTE})L\Delta T = \Delta L \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

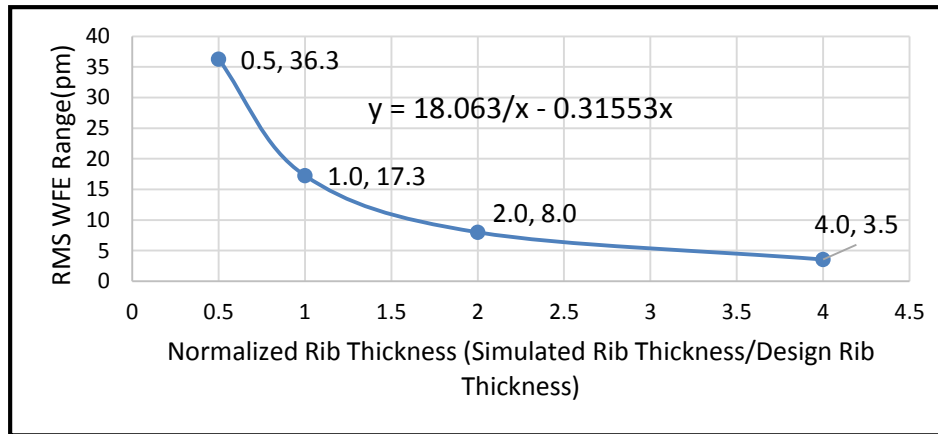
$$\frac{dT}{dt} (\text{CTE})L = \frac{dL}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{(\text{CTE})L}{\rho V c_p} \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

# Passive Design Figures of Merit



- Numerical and analytical models agree that heat capacity and CTE have very strong effects on thermal deformation rates.



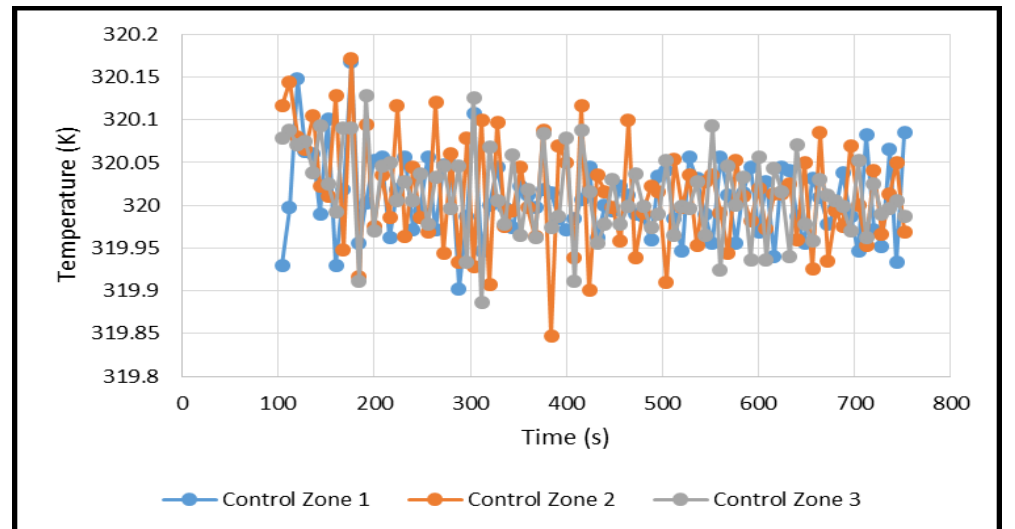
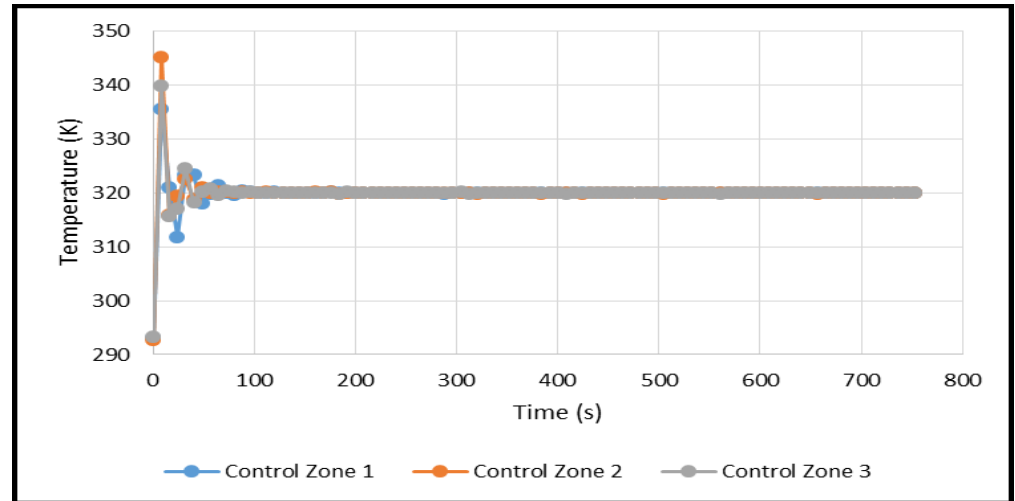
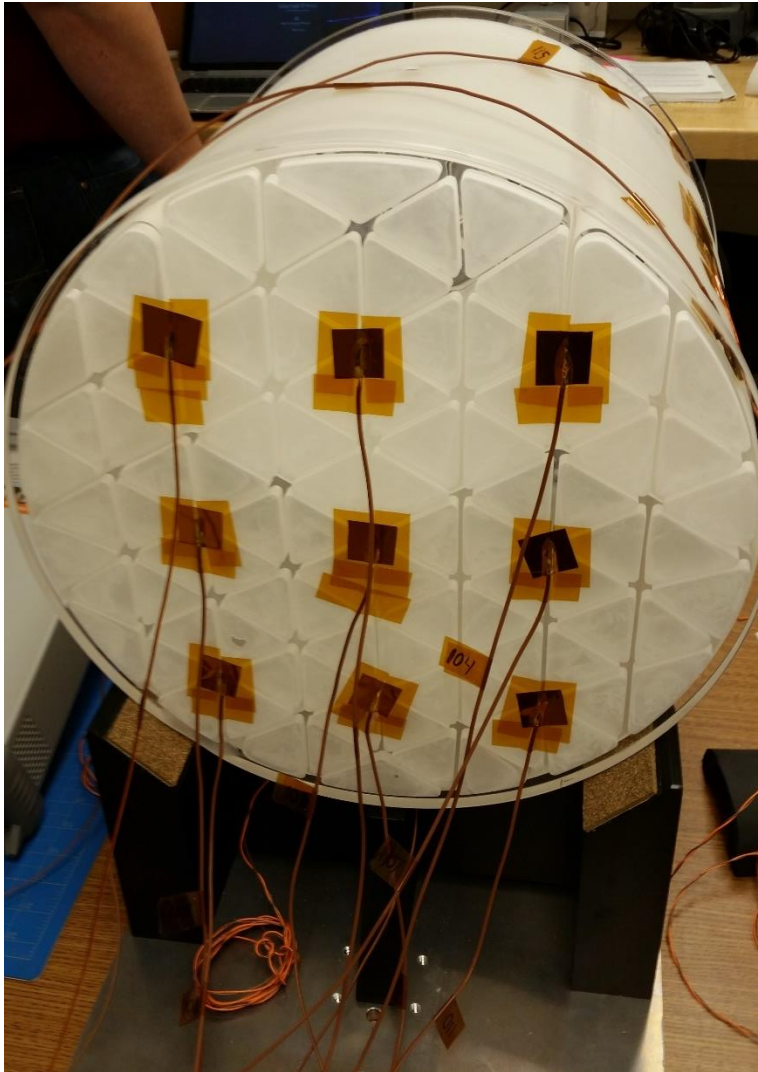
$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{(CTE)L}{\rho V c_p} \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

- For an actively controlled substrate, the following figures of merit are proposed:

$$\text{Massive Active Optothermal Stability, MAOS} = \frac{\rho c_p}{CTE}$$

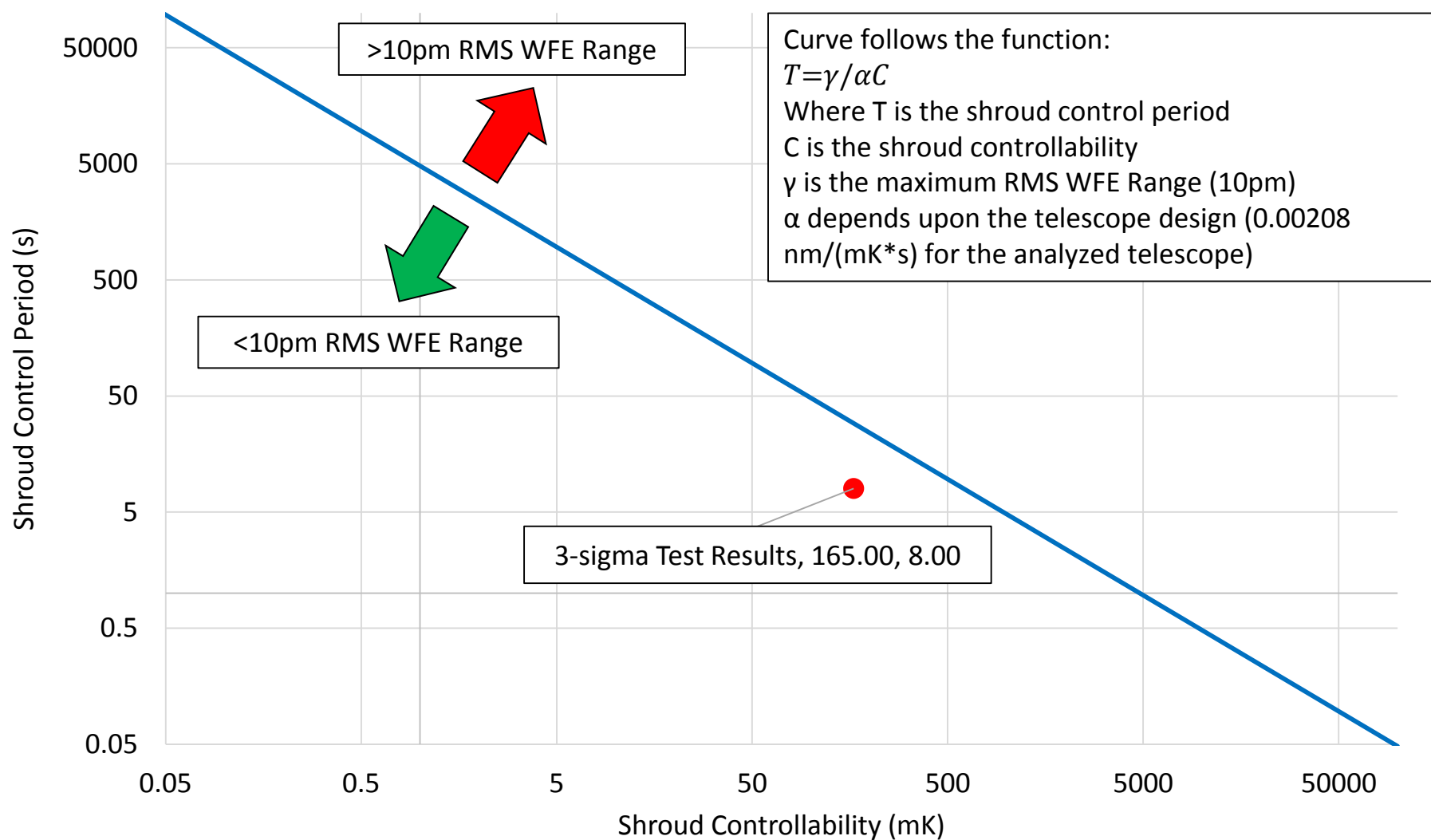
$$\text{Active Optothermal Stability, AOS} = \frac{c_p}{CTE}$$

# Subscale Test





# Test Compared to Requirement





# Questions or Comments?



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